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King County: Newcastle dentist's license suspended for 10 years

OLYMPIA — State health officials have suspended the license of Newcastle dentist, Gil Furman (DE00007704). He cannot practice in Washington or seek reinstatement of his license for 10 years.

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission charged Furman with unprofessional conduct in June and immediately suspended his license. Furman did not respond to charges, so the suspension concludes the legal proceeding.

In September of 2011, Furman was convicted in King County Superior Court on two counts of communication with a minor for immoral purposes, gross misdemeanors. Between 2009 and 2010, Furman prescribed narcotic and non-narcotic medications to three people, including his minor victim, but failed to keep treatment records for them.

Furman also prescribed at least 450 hydrocodone pills to a patient for a non-dental use between November 2011 and March 2012.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "Look up a health care provider" on the Department of Health website or requested by calling 360-236-4700. To file a complaint against a health care provider in Washington, <u>fill out a form</u> online or call 360-236-4700.

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